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Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

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Thursday, February 4, 2010

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1. Call to order – Wendy Lindskoog, Secretary
2. Self Introductions
3. Headtable Introductions
4. Staff Report: Carl Portman, Deputy Director
5. Program and Keynote Speaker:

One tax, two tax, green tax, blue Tax: Why inequitable taxation & regulation is causing one industry to jump ship on Alaska
 Steve Hites, President, Skagway Street Car Company

Future Meetings:

February 18: *Economic Impacts of Proposed Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Critical Habitat Designations*, Bill Sheffield, Director, Port of Anchorage, John McClellan, Tyonek Native Corporation, other speakers TBA

March 4: *Economic Benefits of Port MacKenzie Rail Extension to the Mainline*, Rick Mystrom, Former Mayor of Anchorage and Economic Development Advisor to Mat-Su Borough

March 18: *Point Thomson Project*, Speaker TBA

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- Senator Mark Begich
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- Governor Sean Parnell

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Dear Alaska Business Partner:

With the decision from the cruise industry to move portions of their fleet and their marketing dollars out of Alaska, we now must look ahead with creative minds to keep our Alaska tourism businesses viable. We believe we cannot sit back and wait for the Alaska Legislature, Governor's office, or anyone other than ourselves to affect change that will bring our industry back to life. **PLEASE PASS THIS TO ALL OF YOUR EMPLOYEES!**

To advance our goals, we are developing a new support group called the Alaska Alliance for Cruise Travel (AlaskaACT) We are not the cruise lines, rather we are a group of local Alaska businesses.

Our Mission Statement is simple:

Alaska Alliance for Cruise Travel is an Alaskan statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization made up of business and individuals benefiting from cruise travel. Through AlaskaACT, these stakeholders will work together to promote accurate information and support responsible development and growth of Alaska Tourism and the Cruise Industry.

In addition to these activities our organization's efforts are focusing on the following goals:

- Create a positive business environment in Alaska for the cruise and tourism industries
- Encourage the Alaska Legislature and Administration to work toward a resolution of the current legal issues between the State and the cruise industry
- Oppose inequitable taxation directed at the cruise industry
- Support equitable environmental laws for the cruise industry
- Commit its resources to advancing the restoration and stability of the Cruise Industry *in the best interest of Alaska, and Alaskans.*
- Encourage accurate and honest reporting by the media
- Educate Alaskans about the economic benefits and positive environmental effects of the cruise industry on Alaska
- Support the cruise industry in their efforts to protect and preserve the environment through reasonable and attainable legislation

Please sign up today at www.alaskaact.com

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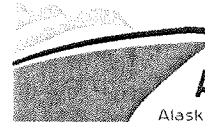
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RDC Action Alert: *Oppose Proposed Critical Habitat Designation for Cook Inlet Beluga Whales*

Comment deadline is March 3, 2010

Overview:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing to designate more than 3,000 square miles of Cook Inlet as critical habitat for the beluga whales. The entire upper half of Cook Inlet, the mid-Inlet, all of the Inlet's western shores and Kachemak Bay have been included as critical habitat.

According to NMFS biologists, the sole cause of the Cook Inlet beluga whale population decline is the subsistence harvest that transpired in the 1990s. In 2000, NMFS declared the belugas depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and a co-management agreement was put in place, strictly limiting the subsistence harvest. In 2008, beluga whales in Cook Inlet were listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), despite an annual growth of four percent in their population since 2005. NMFS has not identified any development activity that has impeded the recovery of the whales.

The ESA requires economic effects to be taken into account for critical habitat designations. Areas may be excluded from critical habitat if it is determined that the benefit of such exclusion outweighs the benefit of specifying such areas as critical habitat unless failure to designate these areas will result in the extinction of the whales. Extensive mitigation and regulatory measures are in place which make designation of critical habitat unnecessary and extinction of the Cook Inlet beluga whale highly unlikely. The proposed critical habitat designation will likely have a significant economic impact on the Cook Inlet region without clear corresponding benefits to beluga whales. The proposed designation could put at risk billions of dollars in future projects and could ultimately cost Southcentral Alaska residents and companies hundreds of millions of dollars to comply with new requirements and standards. The proposed designation will likely lead to costly delays in permitting and construction, as well as lengthy litigation, ultimately discouraging future investment.

Action Requested:

Please testify at one of the upcoming public hearings and submit comments by March 3 opposing the proposed critical habitat designation. Encourage NMFS to exclude the entire Cook Inlet from critical habitat. In your comments, please be sure to explain the economic effect critical habitat designation would have on you or your activities in the Inlet.

Send written comments to:

Kaja Brix, assistant regional administrator, Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Identify your comments with "RIN 0648-XT72" and submit by any of the following methods:

Electronic: Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site – Regulations.gov

Mail: Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 FAX: 907-586-7557

Attend a public hearing to present brief testimony:

Soldotna: Wednesday, February 3, 2010 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Chambers

Homer: Thursday, February 4, 2010 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center

Wasilla: Thursday, February 11, 2010 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Best Western Lake Lucille Inn

Anchorage: Friday, February 12, 2010 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Loussac Public Library, Wilda Marston Room

Comment deadline is March 3, 2010

Points to consider for your comments:

- The ESA requires NMFS to designate areas as critical habitat that are truly “essential to the conservation of the species” and it “shall not include the entire geographical area which can be occupied.” NMFS lacks the scientific information necessary to accurately designate all of the extensive areas proposed as critical habitat. More research is needed on the primary constituent elements of the belugas to accurately differentiate between critical habitat and general habitat.
- The ESA requires economic effects to be taken into account for critical habitat designations. NMFS must conduct a more robust economic analysis before any critical habitat designation is finalized.
- Critical habitat designation in Cook Inlet will have significant adverse effects on community and economic development without providing a corresponding benefit to beluga whales. Extensive mitigation and regulatory measures are in place which make designation of critical habitat unnecessary and extinction of the Cook Inlet beluga whale highly unlikely.
- In its economic analysis, NMFS estimates the proposed designation will cost local communities and businesses \$600,000 over the next decade in additional regulatory oversight. This estimate is grossly inadequate as it does not factor in additional costs existing and future operations will have to pay to meet unnecessary regulatory requirements.
- The economic analysis failed to consider legal costs businesses and local communities would incur from lawsuits challenging agency permits for activities inside or near critical habitat. One single project alone could easily incur millions of dollars in litigation expenses.
- Industries tend to avoid investing in projects within critical habitat areas, fearing substantial delays, higher costs, regulatory uncertainty, and litigation. This economic impact must be considered before critical habitat areas are finalized.
- Activities likely to be negatively affected by critical habitat designation in Cook Inlet include shipping, oil and gas exploration, development, and production, renewable energy projects, wastewater utility discharges, commercial and industrial coastal development, commercial and sport fishing, mining, tourism, military operations, and community infrastructure development, including Port of Anchorage expansion, the Knik Arm Bridge, Port MacKenzie, and much more, all with no added benefit to the whales.
- Ninety percent of all goods coming into Alaska comes through the Port of Anchorage, so restrictions resulting from critical habitat designation may lead to higher costs for residents of rural Alaska who already suffer from exorbitant prices with no added benefit to the whales.
- Southcentral Alaska heats its homes and generates electricity through natural gas produced in Cook Inlet. This critical habitat designation could deter future oil and gas exploration and development, leading to greater costs for residents with no added benefit to the whales.
- Municipal utilities could be forced by this critical habitat designation to increase treatment for discharges, costing hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars, leading to much higher consumer bills with no added benefit to beluga whales.
- Commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing could be curtailed by this proposed critical habitat designation, having a significant impact on Alaska’s fisheries and tourism activities with no added benefit to the whales.
- Lost development opportunities resulting from critical habitat designation will result in declines in both state and local tax revenue, jobs, as well as every Alaskan’s Permanent

Fund Dividend with no added benefit to the whales.

- Scientists have concluded that the sole cause for the population decline of beluga whales in Cook Inlet was the unsustainable subsistence harvest of the 1990s. In fact, NMFS has not identified any community or economic development activity that has impeded the recovery of the whales or led to the population decline. Further, contaminant levels for the Cook Inlet belugas are lower than those found in similar populations elsewhere.
- NMFS has previously stated: "No information exists that beluga habitat has been modified or curtailed to an extent that it is likely to have caused the population declines observed within Cook Inlet." Three thousand square miles of critical habitat will not change this fact.
- National security could be compromised by designation of critical habitat as military operations will likely be affected with no added benefit to the whales.

Comment deadline is March 3, 2010

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For Immediate Release: January 27, 2010

Resolution Opposing Unnecessary Critical Habitat Designation in Cook Inlet Introduced

(JUNEAU) – A resolution calling on the federal government to protect the economy of the Cook Inlet region was introduced in the Alaska House today by Representative Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage.

House Joint Resolution 40 opposes the proposed critical habitat designation for 3,000 square miles of Cook Inlet. The National Marine Fisheries Service is considering the designation a way to protect Cook Inlet beluga whales.

“The only thing a critical habitat designation will accomplish is to harm the region’s economy,” said Rep. Millett. “It will drive up the cost or even prevent development for the oil and gas industry, our commercial and sport fishing industries and the planned expansion at the Port of Anchorage.”

A critical habitat designation could also require the Municipality of Anchorage to spend at least \$400 million to meet new wastewater treatment requirements. That could triple the monthly bills for Anchorage Water and Wastewater customers with no benefit to the whales.

The National Marine Fisheries Service concluded years ago that an unsustainable

harvest caused the decline in the beluga population. The beluga numbers are now increasing thanks to a new harvest management program put in place in 2000.

HJR 40 will be heard by the House Resources Committee. For more information, contact Rep. Millett at (907) 465-3879.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLETT

Introduced: 1/27/10
Referred:

A RESOLUTION

1 **Opposing the proposed designation by the National Marine Fisheries Service of 3,000**
2 **square miles of upper Cook Inlet, the mid-inlet, all of the inlet's western shores, and**
3 **Kachemak Bay as critical habitat for beluga whales.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** the Endangered Species Act requires economic effects to be taken into
6 account for critical habitat designations and areas may be excluded from critical habitat if it is
7 determined that the benefit of such exclusion outweighs the benefit of specifying such areas
8 as critical habitat; and

9 **WHEREAS** the National Marine Fisheries Service has proposed declaring 3,000
10 square miles of upper Cook Inlet, the mid-inlet, all of the inlet's western shores, and
11 Kachemak Bay as critical habitat for beluga whales; and

12 **WHEREAS** scientists in the National Marine Fisheries Service have concluded that
13 the sole reason for the population decline was the unsustainable subsistence harvest in the
14 1990s; and

15 **WHEREAS** a cooperative harvest management plan was put into place in 2000; and

1 **WHEREAS** scientists predicted signs of recovery of the beluga whale population
2 would take five to seven years after a cooperative harvest management plan was instituted;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, the population of beluga whales was 278, and, in 2009, the
5 population was 321, a four percent increase a year; and

6 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska has given notice of its intent to sue challenging the
7 Cook Inlet beluga whale Endangered Species Act listing; and

8 **WHEREAS** there is no evidence that human activity has harmed the beluga whale's
9 environment, migration, or ecology; and

10 **WHEREAS** the National Marine Fisheries Service has stated that the additional
11 regulatory oversight will cost only an additional \$600,000 over the next decade; and

12 **WHEREAS** the cost estimate does not factor in the extra costs that existing and future
13 operations will have to pay to meet unnecessary new regulatory burdens; and

14 **WHEREAS** a critical habitat designation in Cook Inlet will hurt community and
15 economic development; and

16 **WHEREAS** permitting and construction projects will suffer costly delays, and
17 economic development could be curtailed; and

18 **WHEREAS** the proposed Knik Arm Bridge, Port Mackenzie, tourism, and vessel
19 traffic will be negatively affected; and

20 **WHEREAS** infrastructure development in Cook Inlet for resource development and
21 energy projects could be threatened by critical habitat designations; and

22 **WHEREAS** the Port of Anchorage receives 90 percent of all the goods coming into
23 Alaska and would be negatively affected by a critical habitat designation; and

24 **WHEREAS** military deployments from the Port of Anchorage, military flight
25 patterns, and military operations could be negatively affected or limited with no benefit to
26 beluga whales; and

27 **WHEREAS** environmental lawsuits will add significant delays and millions of dollars
28 to the cost of economic development projects in the Cook Inlet area; and

29 **WHEREAS** decades of safe and environmentally responsible oil and gas production,
30 vessel transportation, community development, commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing,
31 and other economic activity in Cook Inlet have taken place without harming Cook Inlet

1 beluga whales; and

2 **WHEREAS** future oil and gas exploration, development, and production could be
3 gravely affected by critical habitat designations; and

4 **WHEREAS** southcentral Alaska energy needs have been met predominantly through
5 responsible oil and gas production in Cook Inlet for nearly 50 years while beluga whale
6 populations thrived; and

7 **WHEREAS** the Municipality of Anchorage may have to spend a minimum of
8 \$400,000,000 to meet unnecessary new wastewater treatment requirements that would come
9 with a critical habitat designation, causing utility bills for customers of Anchorage Water and
10 Wastewater to, at a minimum, triple; and

11 **WHEREAS** there is no evidence that commercial or sport fishing is harming the
12 beluga whale population; and

13 **WHEREAS** the commercial and sport fishing industries will be gravely threatened by
14 a critical habitat designation because the beluga whale's primary food source is fish; and

15 **WHEREAS** lost development opportunities because of critical habitat designations
16 could ultimately lead to lost revenue to the State of Alaska and to local governments; and

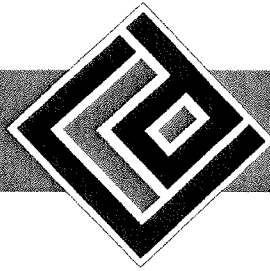
17 **WHEREAS** all three members of Alaska's congressional delegation and Governor
18 Sean Parnell are opposed to the critical habitat designation; and

19 **WHEREAS** designation of such broad areas of municipal, commercial, and industrial
20 interest, without any known or identifiable link between these activities and the conservation
21 status of the Cook Inlet beluga whale is contrary to the public interest; and

22 **WHEREAS** the conservation benefits, which are entirely uncertain and speculative,
23 are outweighed by the costs and impediments posed by designation of critical habitat in this
24 instance in most, if not all, of the proposed designation area;

25 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes the proposed
26 designation by the National Marine Fisheries Service of 3,000 square miles of upper Cook
27 Inlet, the mid-inlet, all of the inlet's western shores, and Kachemak Bay as critical habitat for
28 beluga whales; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of Alaska requests a more robust economic
30 analysis be completed by the National Marine Fisheries Service before finalizing any critical
31 habitat designation.



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January 22, 2010

Senator Lesil McGuire, Co-Chair
Senator Bill Wielechowski, Co-Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 162-An Act to Establish the Southeast Alaska State Forest

Dear Senators McGuire and Wielechowski:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is writing to support HB 162, the establishment of the Southeast Alaska State Forest.

RDC is a statewide, non-profit, membership-funded organization founded in 1975. The RDC membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fisheries industries, as well as Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to link these diverse interests together to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

The bill would establish a new state forest in Southeast Alaska from state lands presently used for timber harvest. The Division of Forestry would be able to manage the state forest for a long-term supply of timber to local processors, and retain the land in state ownership for multiple use. The forest would be managed as part of the State Forest System and under the current Prince of Wales Island and Central Southeast area plans.

In Southeast Alaska, demand for state timber exceeds supply and local mills are dependent on a consistent supply to stay in business. The majority of the timber in Southeast Alaska is on federal land, but federal timber sales have declined sharply. Subsequently, the demand for state timber from local mills has increased significantly.

Much of the proposed forest was inherited from the U.S. Forest Service with young second-growth stands. There is broad support for shifting timber harvesting in Southeast Alaska from old growth to second growth stands. Establishment of the Southeast Alaska State Forest will help provide a sustainable timber supply to local mills and accelerate the harvest of second-growth timber. Actively managed second-growth stands will provide more timber volume per acre on shorter rotations.

The shift to second-growth harvesting can be accelerated and timber volume increased on state land by thinning these stands. However, thinning is a long-term investment and is only justified if the land will continue to be available for forest management. A legislatively designated State Forest would ensure that land would remain available for long-term forest management.

RDC encourages your committee to support HB 162. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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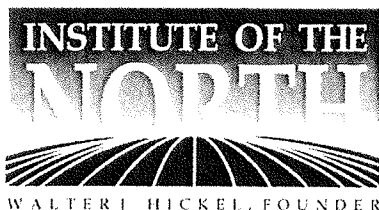
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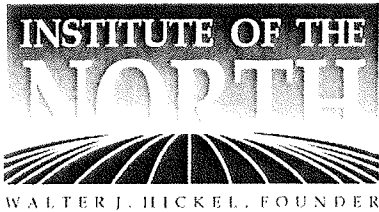
Contact: (907) 771-2443 or nhemsath@institutenorth.org
If you can't make this seminar, please contact us about other opportunities.

Participants will gain an understanding of:

- Alaska's land history (especially Statehood and ANCSA) and ANILCA
- The key provisions of ANILCA
- Ten exceptions written by Congress in ANILCA to guarantee the continuation of the Alaska lifestyle
- The intent of Congress, including the "no more" clause
- Subsistence – ANILCA provisions and how it is managed today
- General hunting, fishing and trapping on federal lands
- Access to inholdings and across Wilderness Preserves in National Forests, Parks, Refuges and other Conservation System Units and the definition of "compatible with the purposes of a CSU"
- Navigable waters, submerged lands and RS2477s – who owns them and what is their status?
- Wilderness Act exceptions in ANILCA
- ANWR and ANILCA
- Management planning and ANILCA
- ANILCA and the State of Alaska



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DAILY SCHEDULE AND MEALS: Coffee will be available at 8 am, with sessions to begin each morning at 8:30 am and run until 4:30 pm. Lunch will be included.

FEEs: Seminar, including ANILCA study guide, reference materials and meals - **\$500**

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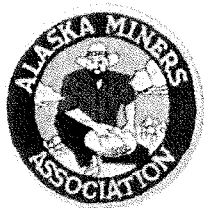
This seminar was prepared for both those who know very little about ANILCA and those who work with its provisions on a regular basis. The following feedback will help us prepare for your participation.

- I know very little about ANILCA and would like a general introduction to its history, its key concepts and the influence it has on major Alaska issues.
- I know quite a bit about ANILCA but want to learn more.
- I work with ANILCA issues regularly but need a deeper understanding of many of its provisions.

Specifically, I am interested in the following ANILCA related issues:

- All of the issues listed below
- The Alaska context – our history and visions
- The battle for statehood, the Compact, and building an economy on the “commons”
- The struggle leading to the passage of ANILCA, the mobilization of national conservation interests and the intent of Congress when the bill passed
- The geographic context of the Conservation System Units
- Management principles for the Conservation System Units (parks, etc.) in Alaska – revising management plans and the step-down planning process
- Alaska exceptions written by Congress to enable the continuation of the Alaska way of life and a healthy economy
- Access across Conservation System Units and to inholdings; the definition of "compatible with the purposes of a conservation unit" as it relates to access
- Wilderness reviews and exceptions to the Wilderness Act in Alaska
- Subsistence, including definitions of rural priority, customary trade and management
- General hunting and fishing in National Parks and on other federal lands
- The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the debate over the 1002 area
- How ANILCA interfaces with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act – access, 17(b) easements, Native allotments, etc.
- Who owns what, including navigable waters, submerged lands and valid existing rights including RS2477 rights-of-way
- Recordable Disclaimers of Interest

Thank you. See you in March!



Alaska Miners Association 22nd Fairbanks Biennial Conference

Arctic International Mining Symposium

March 9-12, 2010 ■ Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks, Alaska

Registration Form

Conference Website: <http://www.arcticminers.org>

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AMA Membership Fees

	Fees	Total
Individual Member.....	\$ 95.00	_____
Professional Member	200.00	_____
Operator	250.00	_____
Corporate.....	500.00	_____
Student.....	10.00	_____

Conference Registration Fees

Early Registration, AMA Member*.....	\$ 100.00	_____
Early Registration, Non-AMA Member*.....	150.00	_____
Student	15.00	_____
Session Speaker	50.00	_____
Regular Registration, AMA Member*.....	175.00	_____
Regular Registration, Non-AMA Member.....	225.00	_____

*Early registration ends February 19, 2010

Ticketed Events & Short Courses

	# Tickets	
Reception, Wednesday.....	_____	Free
Breakfast, Wednesday.....	_____	\$ 20.00
Friends of UAF Breakfast, Thursday	_____	20.00
Breakfast, Friday	_____	20.00
Luncheon, Wednesday	_____	25.00
Luncheon, Thursday	_____	25.00
Luncheon, Friday	_____	25.00
Banquet, Friday Night.....	_____	50.00
Field Trip #1: Pogo Mine (3/9)	_____	250.00
Field Trip #2: Fort Knox/ITH Mines (3/13)	_____	250.00
Short Course: AK Const. Materials (3/9)	_____	125.00
Short Course: Placer Mining (3/9)	_____	125.00
MSHA annual refresher (3/9)	_____	Free
Total Cost		_____

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Reg. #: _____ Date rec'd _____

Total due: _____

Am't rec'd: _____

Bal. due. _____

ITEM

Badge _____

Tickets _____

Ribbons _____

AMA Officer _____

Director _____

Speaker _____

Conf. Official _____

Other _____

Abstract _____

Conf. Schedule _____

Other packet _____

ROUTING

Accounting _____

Arrangements _____

Registration _____

Field Trips _____

Trip # _____

NOTES

Questions? Contact Courtney Roberts, Phone: (907) 378-7875. Email: cmroberts@nalco.com Fax reg. form to Dave Szumigala: 907-451-5050

Payment in U.S. Dollars only, to: Fairbanks AMA Mail to: Alaska Miners Association, P.O. Box 73069, Fairbanks, AK 99707-3069

Check #: _____ Visa: MasterCard: Purchase Order: _____

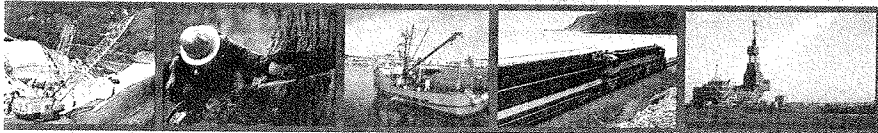
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Cardholder Signature: _____

*Register early and pay a reduced registration fee. To take advantage of this reduced fee you must return the registration form to the address or FAX listed above prior to February 19, 2010. Non-members may take advantage of the lower member rate by joining AMA when they register early. NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 5, 2010 / \$25 HANDLING CHARGE FOR REFUNDS.

Fax your registration form to Dave Szumigala: 907-451-5050



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Membership Application

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Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Numbers Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Referred by: _____ Date: _____

Annual Membership Categories		
	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Individual</u>
PLATINUM	\$3000 or more	\$500 or more
GOLD	\$1500	\$300
SILVER	\$750	\$150
BASIC	\$500	\$75

Please circle the category in which your organization should be classified:

- Communications • Construction • Engineering/Environmental • Finance
- Fishing • Government • Legal/Consulting • Media • Mining • Native Corporations
- Oil and Gas • Retail/Wholesale • Support Services • Timber • Tourism
- Trade/Business Organizations • Transportation • Utilities/Energy

Method of payment: Enclosed is a check for: \$ _____ or

MC/VISA/AMEX# _____ Exp. Date: _____

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